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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN ABSENT FROM FEB 20 MAC MEETING

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1. FOLLOWING PROCEDURAL WRANGLE WITH NORTH KOREANS REGARDING DATE FOR MAC MEETING FIRST PROPOSED BY OUR SIDE, NORTH KOREAN SIDE FAILED TO SHOW UP FOR MEETING AT 1100 HOURS FEB 20, TIME OUR SIDE HAD PROPOSED (REFTELA).

2. NORTH KOREANS HAD IGNORED UNC ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR FEB 20 MEETING AND HAD DELIVERED OWN PROPOSAL FOR MEETING ON FEB 19 (REFTEL B), AN ACTION CONTRARY TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE UPON ARRIVING AT ADVANCE CAMP FEB 20, UNCMAC SENIOR MEMBER ASCERTAINED THROUGH JOINT DUTY OFFICER THAT NORTH KOREANS WERE NOT PREPARING TO ATTEND MEETING. AT 1100 HOURS HE SENT MESSAGE ASKING NORTH KOREANS TO INFORM HIM WITHIN 30 MINUTES IF THEY INTENDED TO APPEAR. WHEN NORTH

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KOREANS FAILED TO APPEAR, UNCMAC SENIOR MEMBER

ISSUED TO PRESS A SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION HE HAD
PLANNED TO MAKE.

3. PRESS STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WHICH
FOLLOWED, WHICH BEING FORWARDED
THROUGH UNC CHANNELS, REVIEWED FAMILIAR EVENTS
REGARDING FISHING BOAT EPISODE. UNC RELEASE CONCLUDED
WITH STATEMENT THAT IF MEETING HAD BEEN HELD, UNC
WOULD HAVE DEMANDED RELEASE OF SUWON HO NO. 33 AND
ITS CREW ALONG WITH SURVIVOR OF SUWON HO NO. 32.
RELEASE STATED UNC ALSO PREPARED TO PROVE FALSE
NORTH KOREAN CLAIM THAT FISHING BOATS WER "SPY
BOATS."

R. UNCMAC NOW PLANS TO CONTINUE PRESSING NORTH
KOREAN SIDE THROUGH JOINT DUTY OFFICE CHANNEL TO
ACKNOWLEDGE PRECEDENCE OF UNC'S CALL FOR MEETING.
WE EXPECT THAT NORTH WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO HOLD
ITS POSITION AND THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER DELAY
BEFORE MEETING DATE IS AGREED UPON.
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